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RE: Invitation to Attend Space Launch

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Kennedy Space Center, Florida

29 September 1988

James C. Fletcher, Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), has invited you to attend the launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery (STS-26), now scheduled for 29 September at 9:59 A.M. EDT at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida. NASA plans to fly you and other guests on a 5:00 A.M. breakfast flight that day from Andrews Air Force Base to the Kennedy Space Center for the launch. After a four-day flight, Discovery with its five-member crew is scheduled to land on 3 October at 7:55 PDT in a dry lakebed landing runway at Edwards Air Force Base, California.

Since you will be departing 30 September for St. Louis and will be traveling overseas for an extended period of time, I recommend that you decline this invitation. If you agree, a letter is attached for your signature.



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Mr. James C. Fletcher
Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Washington, DC 20546

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We will certainly be thinking of you and the other participants in the launch. I hope this will be a most successful flight.

Sincerely yours,

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September 2, 1988

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This launch represents a significant step in America's return to leadership in manned space flight. To celebrate this important event, NASA will fly our guests to the launch. The day's activities will start with a breakfast flight departing at 5:00 a.m. on the morning of the launch from Andrews Air Force Base, outside of Washington, DC, to the Kennedy Space Center.

While we do not have a launch date at this time, may we know now whether you will be able to accept this invitation? Please call Mrs. Evelyn Thames or Mrs. Sharon Lord, Public Services Division, 202/453-8315, to tell us your decision. NASA is not able to furnish transportation for the landing, however, they can give you information about passes for the special viewing site at Edwards Air Force Base, California. The established launch and landing dates will be available by calling our 24-hour, nationwide information service number 202/755-8363.

NASA has made significant progress in the past two years, and we are confident that the entire Space Transportation System is now ready to return safely to manned space flight starting with this four-day mission. The STS-26 crew--commander Rick Hauck, pilot Dick Covey, and mission specialists Mike Lounge, Dave Hilmers, and Pinky Nelson--will be deploying a NASA tracking and data relay satellite and conducting experiments in the fields of microgravity, life sciences, atmospheric science, and infrared communications experiments, as well as two student experiments.

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